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## **Shuster Secures \$588,000 for the Ultra Low Emission Locomotive Demonstrator Project in Blair County**

*Washington, D.C.* –**Congressman Bill Shuster**, Ranking Member on the House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials, is pleased to announce that he successfully secured \$588,000 in the Omnibus Appropriations Act to fund a project to develop an Ultra Low Emission Locomotive Demonstrator in Blair County

“Central and western Pennsylvania has a proud, strong railroading heritage,” Shuster said. “This project builds on that history by funding research into a locomotive that will meet the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> Century rail transportation.”

The \$588,000 will be matched by private sector capital to accelerate and expand the growth of the Ultra Low Emission Locomotive concept and accelerate its testing under real life conditions. The Ultra Low Emission Locomotive would have a longer operational window than its predecessors and a greater load capacity. Additionally, converting the existing locomotive fleet to this new technology would reduce emissions as well as our reliance on foreign oil.

“A single diesel train can move a ton of freight 423 miles on a single gallon of fuel and a single intermodal train can take an equivalent of 280 trucks of our highways,” Shuster said. “The technology in this project can take already efficient locomotives to a whole new level and keep our nation’s rail system competitive.”

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